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# **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval to Charge Actual Cost for

Pumping Interceptor Tanks Docket No. 2018-361-S

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS" or the "Company") requests that it be permitted to amend its service terms and conditions to authorize it to charge its customers the actual cost of pumping and cleaning their interceptor tanks. Specifically, CWS requests that it be permitted to make the blacklined changes noted below to its Solids Interceptor Tank Pump Charge contained in the Company's Sewer Service Terms and Conditions and Non-Recurring Charges:

#### **Solids Interceptor Tanks**

For all customers receiving sewage collection service through an approved solids interceptor tank, the following additional charges shall apply:

## A. Pumping Charge

On such regular intervals as the Utility deems prudent, or upon discovery At such time as the Utility determines through its inspection—that excessive solids have accumulated in the interceptor tank, the Utility will arrange for the customer's pumping—tank and will include \$150.00 as a separate item in the next regular billing to the customer. to be pumped out and cleaned. The Utility shall bill customer for the actual cost to the Utility of pumping and cleaning the tank, including the Utility's cost to access the tank (the "Pumping Charge"). The Pumping Charge will be included as a separate item in the next regular billing to the customer. Alternatively, at the customer's request, the Pumping Charge may be billed to the customer in twelve equal monthly installments.

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The currently authorized pumping charge does not reflect the Company's cost to service the tanks. By authorizing CWS to charge the actual cost to perform this task, other existing customers are no longer asked to subsidize the cost of pumping interceptor tanks.

CWS respectfully submits this request to amend its Solids Interceptor Tank Pump Charge in its Sewer Service Terms and Conditions and Non-Recurring Charges without a public hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Section § 58-5-240 (G). The Company shall provide written notice of this tariff change to all affected customers within thirty days of Commission approval. If the Commission approves CWS' proposed Tank Pump Charge amendment, the Company will file conforming terms and conditions within ten days of the date of the Commission's Order.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Elliott & Elliott, P.A.

Scott Elliott

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cc: Jeff Nelson, Esquire

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned employee of Elliott & Elliott, P.A. does hereby certify that she has served below listed parties with a copy of the pleading(s) indicated below by mailing a copy of same to them in the United States mail, by regular mail, with sufficient postage affixed thereto and return address clearly marked on the date indicated below:

RE: Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval to

Charge Actual Cost for Pumping Interceptor Tanks

Docket No. 2018-361-S

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PLEADINGS: Letter of Application

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